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New York, December 31.—Gem importations passing through this port in the year 1911 exceeded \$10,000,000 in valuation, according to figures compiled by the experts of the custom house and made public yesterday. These figures, according to Maiden Lane dealers, who went over them carefully yesterday, have brought the trade back to the high level of 1906, when the importations, amounting to \$43,000,000, broke all records. Unlike 1906, however, the present gain is due more to the excellence of the stones than to the quantity brought in.

Of the gems imported, 85 per cent. were diamonds. The value of pearls passing through the custom house in the year was approximately \$1,500,000. Ninety-five per cent. of all the gems brought into the 'Unlited States last year, the government figures show, passed through this port.

Julius Flach, of 18 Maiden Lane, a dealer of many years' experience, said yesterday that the finer grades of stones are scare in the market at present than he has ever known them to be. For clear brilliants of fair quality, weighing a karat, he said, \$150 is now paid at wholesale, while ion years ago the highest grade of Jagersfontein diamends of the same size could be purchased for \$120, Stones of ordinary grade, weighing a half-karat, said Mr. Flach, are now sold at the rate of \$150 a karat, as against \$50 ten years ago. Quarter Karat stones have risen in the same period from \$60 to \$110 a karat.

"In years of quiet business," said Mr. Flach yesterday, "it has frequently been possible to pick up a bargain tot of stones in the jewelry district, but I assure you there have been no opportunity of this sort of late."

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he United States and Canada, but the litest reports from the Canadian fields re that the diamonds are of interocepic size and explode on exposure to light or heat. The making of artifal diamonds continues, but they are proved of little commercial use. Diamond dealers said yesterday that he most threatening danger to diahend prices at present is the compution of two young companies with the De Beers Company, which for yearly ad enjoyed practically a monopoly of he diamond mining business. There he diamond mining business. There he maller sizes of diamonds. The Present companies are the Premier and Reg to Companies, which have shown that they can control the market for the maller sizes of diamonds. The Premier Company has the largest production of the most of the largest production of the reports from the Canadian fields

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New York, December 31.—The list of the noted men and women who were removed by death during the your and yours in the young and yo

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Come Up January 11.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington. December 31.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has fixed January 11 as the date upon which it will hear the case of Cosby against the Richmond Transfer Company and others, in which Cosby, who was for several years engaged in the transfer business in Richmond, alleges that the railroads entering that city conspired together and broke up his business by giving others preference in the matter of soliciting patronage in and around the railroad stations and upon various trains entering and leaving Richmond. This complaint was filed about a year ago, and last summer special examiner was sent to Richmond to take testimony in the case. The matter now will come up here on the date stated, when it is expected the whole subject will be threshed out. Cosby alleges that hetershed out. Cosby alleges that hetershed out. Cosby alleges that because of the injustice done him, his business has been ruined, and that, in addition, people who have baggage to transfer in Richmond are forced to ray a higher price than they did when he was allowed to operate in and around the railroad stations. t for Cincinnati this saying she wouldnt Fixele.

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Statesmen, Scientists, Educators Record Is Slightly Less Than That of Any Other Recent Period.

Chicago, December 31.—The lynching record for 1911 shows a distinct, though slight improvement over the records of previous years. The number of persons lynched since January 1—sixty—is slightly less than that of any other recent year. All but two of the sixty persons lynched were negroes. Of the lifty-eight negroes, one was a woman. The crimes charged against these victims range all the way from insult to criminal assault and murder. Georgia leads with the most lynchings, seventeen. Lynchings occurred in thirteen States. All of these were Southern or border States, excepting Pennsylvania, which furnished the only instance of the year where the victim was burned at the stake. stake.

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Contrary to the record of previous years, the majority of the victims were not accused of crimes against women. The victims accused of attacks on women numbered eighteen, while thirty-one were accused of murder. Two negroes were lynched for insulting white women, four for attempted murder, one for threatening to murder, one for highway robbery and one for persistent stealing. Two were charged with plain assault, and one was being held in jail as a suspicious character.

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In several instances race riots were reported, in which both whites and blacks were killed. These are not included in the record of the year. In the following record the word 'lynching' is held to apply only to the summary punishment inflicted by a mob or by any number of citizens on a person alleged to have committed a crime for which in the ordinary course that person would have been tried by law.

The detailed record for 1911 is as follows: Alabama, three negroes: Arkansas, two negroes, one white man; Georgia, seventeen negroes; Kentucky, three negroes: Louislana, four negroes; Mississippi, six negroes: Missouri, two negroes; Oklahoma, seven negroes, one a woman; Pennsylvanta, one negro; South Carolina, one negro; Tennessee, three negroes; Texas, three negroes, one white man.

COMPLETES HIS SENTENCE.

Former Society Leader Blames 13 and
23 for Term in Prison.
Leavenworth, Kan., December 31.—
Harry Morris, former leader of the
younger social set of Cleveland, O., left
the Federal prison at Fort Leavenworth yesterday, completing his sentence of two years, less five months
allowed for good behavior. Morris was
convicted of attempting to blackmail
Mrs. Dan O. Caswell, a millionatre
widow of Cleveland, from whom he demanded \$2.000 under threat of kidnapping her two children.
Morris has always laid his conviction to the baneful influences of the
"hoodoo" numbers "13" and "23" and
to the fact that his trial began Friday, May 13, 1910. The verdict finding him guilty was returned at twentythree minutes past 8 oclock, and he
was turned over to the prison authorities May 23.

Morris is said to have been engaged
to a society girl of Cleveland, who
always has been convinced of his innocence.

Another Step in Merger of Companies

Handling Edison Inventions.

West Orange, N. J., December 31.—
Another step has been taken in the process of merging all of the companies handling Thomas A. Edison's inventions. It was announced at the factory that the capital stock of the Edison Manufacturing Company has been reduced from \$100 to \$2 a share, entting the aggregate capital stock from \$500,000 to \$10,000.

Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated, is the name of the holding company, and it was formed nine months ago, when the Edison Phonograph Works and the National Phonograph Company were absorbed. Ultimately one company will control all the Edison output, including the storage battery, moving picture apparatus, and phonographs.

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Wife Gives tip Good Home for TwoRoom Cottage.

Pittsburgh, Pa., December 31.—Preferring a life of comparative poverty
in one or two rooms with Frank Byors, a twenty-two-year-old rathroad
brakeman, to life in a beautiful home
provided by her husband, Mrs. Harriet
C, Kemp, wife of Charles E, Kemp,
superintendent of police for the Panhandle Railroad, refused to return to
her husband's home in Carnegie, Yes,
terday a master recommended a divorce decree for the husband, Mrs.
Kemp and Byers are now living at
Herminic Westmoreland county,
Byers formerly boarded at the Kama.

"Strong as the Strongest"

1912



Absolute Trust

The above is a facsimile of the picture on our calendar, which we are distributing to our friends. It represents what this bank stands for—"Absolute Trust."

We return our sincere thanks to the people for their patronage during the past twenty-three years, and will do our best to merit their continued confidence. If you are not a customer, try and be one this year.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF

The Savings Bank of Richmond,

1117 East Main Street

United States Depository for Postal Savings Funds

AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 30, 1911.

Loans and Discounts ...\$647,297.26 Mortgages on Improved City Real Estate 997,496.41 -\$1,644,793.67 . 42,750.00 Banking House
Other Real Estate 27,000.00 Furniture and Fixtures Cash and Due from Banks......

Capital.....\$ 200,000.00 Surplus 175,000.00 Undivided Profits 20,693.97 Dividend No. 43..... 10,000.00 Deposits 1,410,835.39 Reserve Fund 15,000.00

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Interest due depositors to date, amounting to \$28,222.78, has been credited to each account.

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Coo Late for Classification.

LOST, ON SUNDAY NIGHT, HE-tween Commonwealth Club and 205 West Franklin, string of pearl beads, Reward will be given if returned to 205 West Franklin.

passes are delaying trains. Colorado and Southern train No. 1, due here Friday afternoon, is still at Texline. Santa Fe trains from Texas are also snowbound.

Other trains traversing Kansas are arriving from two to twelve hours

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•••• HAPPY 1912

The year just closed has been the most prosperous in the history of our long existence, and we beg to express on this occasion to our thousands of valued patrons our appreciation and sincere good wishes for a happy New Year. Our unequaled facilities, experience and skill have given us the well earned reputation of being the leading and largest Optical House South, and of furnishing everything

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The S. GALESKI Optical Co. BROAD AND

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